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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of January 3, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 14, 22 and 25 without prejudice as follows:

C1 Sub P1  
14. (Amended) An emission control system, comprising:  
a particle filter; and  
an arrangement disposed upstream from the particle filter and configured to at least reduce clogging of the particle filter by prevention of development of ash upstream from the particle filter by one of transformation and maintenance of at least one of the compounds responsible for ash formation in the gaseous state, the arrangement including:  
a device configured to collect at least a portion of the ash-forming compounds of sulfur contained in the exhaust gas; and  
a device configured to convert the collected ash-forming compounds of sulfur into gaseous compounds of sulfur that do not form ash.

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22. (Amended) A method for operating an emission control system including a particle filter and an arrangement disposed upstream from the filter and configured



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SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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